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REMARKS

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1. On 17 February 1954, 35 sedans occupied by senior officers of various branches of service were seen on route toward Beyersdorf, coming from the direction of Wiederau and Uebigau (N 52/E 84).  
Half an hour before, motorcyclists dropped sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and red brassards with black-bordered letter P at important road crossings. The posts were withdrawn after the column had passed. Numerous trucks, guns and armored scout cars were assembled in the wooded area around Saxdorf (?). On 17 February, several trucks occupied by troops passed through Wiederau on the Berlin-Dresden highway, proceeding toward Berlin. **1** 25X1
2. Between 6:20 p.m. on 9 February, a column of 2 armored scout cars, 3 guns, 4 to 6 armored personnel carriers occupied by troops and about 25 motorcycles was seen on Stalinallee, Oranienburg, coming from a western direction and proceeding eastward with the armored scout cars and armored personnel carriers. **2** 25X1
3. On 20 February, a train of 17 flatcars with sideracks and 16 boxcars carrying 21 trucks, 3 trailers, 2 generators, 3 prime movers and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Kummendorf railroad station from the direction of Bernburg/Saale. 25X1
4. At about 12:20 p.m. on 18 February, a shipment of 9 boxcars and 39 flatcars carrying troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns and 27 trucks was seen en route toward Magdeburg main station, coming from the direction of Magdeburg-Buckau. **3** 25X1
5. On 12 and 13 February, **4** the Zeitz Forest training area was being enlarged by about 80 to 100 ha. The area was being cleared. 25X1

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6. On 19 February, a shipment of 30 to 35 flatcars and boxcars carrying 13 to 15 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 13 to 15 prime movers, about 10 trucks and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Potsdam railroad station toward west.

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At about 3 p.m., the same shipment was observed at the Wildpark freight station. At about 3:10 p.m. on 19 February, a shipment of at least 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, at least 12 prime movers and 10 trucks and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia was seen at the Werder railroad station, with the engine headed toward west.

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7. At 3 p.m. on 19 February, a shipment of 8 to 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers and a shipment of 8 to 12 heavy howitzers, both shipments with prime movers,

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were seen at the Wildpark freight station, ready to leave toward west.

1. [ ] Comment. Possibly a command-post exercise of the First or Third Gds Mech Army.

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2. [ ] Comment. [ ] the unit belonged to the engineer regiment of the GDFC from Bernburg, rather than the armored engineer company.

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3. [ ] Comment. [ ] presumably an AAA shipment of the First Gds Mech Army from Dresden to Mustrow.

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4. [ ] Comment. The information confirms the enlargement of the Zeitz Forest training area.

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1. On 12 February 1952, the Luetzendorf Kaserne (8502) in Weimar was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 10 February, about 100 troops drilled in the barracks yard and, on 16 February, 3 light AA guns were seen. 25X1
2. On 17 February, the Flak Kaserne (8501) was occupied as previously by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 17 February, troops maintained 2 heavy AA guns; while truck towing a occurred 25X1
3. On 17 February, the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops, including some wearing motor transport insignia. On 15 February, 6 x 82-mm mortars were seen in the barracks yard. 25X1
4. On 3 February, the Panzer Kaserne (8507) was occupied as previously. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
5. On 5 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne (8504) was occupied by about 600 troops. Sentries seen wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. 25X1
6. At about 10 a.m. on 19 February, trucks, occupied by troops were unloaded in Weimar. 25X1
7. On 12 February, the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 500 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; black-bordered crimson epaulets and, a few, red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and about 300 to 350 sick. 25X1

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2. On 17 February, the Flak Kaserne (8501) was occupied as previously by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 17 February, [ ] troops maintained 2 heavy AA guns; while truck [ ] towing a generator and, a short time later, cross-country vehicle [ ] occupied by officers of the armored command, entered the installation.

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8. On 12 February, the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by about 400 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 40 percent wearing motor transport insignia. On 4 February, 12 driving school trucks, [redacted] entered the installation. On 9 February, about 20 troops practiced aiming and 50 troops received field training at the edge of the woods north of the installation. On 11 February, a column of 12 trucks, each occupied by 2 soldiers, entered the installation from the north.

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9. On 12 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 250 to 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 90 percent with artillery insignia, 5 percent with motor transport insignia and 5 percent with signal insignia. On 11 February, about 200 troops practiced firing and about 30 troops marksmanship with rifles at the target range.

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Comment: All observations [redacted] indicate that the installations are occupied as previously. The unit which was detrained on 19 February, belonged to the 20th Gds Mech Div.

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